tions of people in certain areas of the State, it is felt that the majority of them would like to see the restoration of peace and normalcy.

Police Excesses on Respectable Citizens in Delhi

5709. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of serious incidents of police excesses on respectable and highly placed citizens in Delhi during the first 10 days of April show that the Delhi police personnel are getting out of control; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken to discipline the police personnel and to inculcate a spirit of service in them ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) The Delhi Police have stated that only one such incident was reported during the first ten days of April, 1994 in the area of Police Station R.K. Puram.

(b) Instructions have been reiterated to the police personnel to be polite and courteous towards the public.

Discussion with Chief Ministers of Punjab and Haryana

5710. SHRI S.S. SURJEWALA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have discussed a package with the Chief Ministers of Punjab and Haryana to solve the inter-State problems of the two States;

(b) if so, what are the problems which have been identified; and

(c) what are the main points in the package and whether any solution is in sight?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT)

(a) to (c) The Government is committed to implement the Rajiv-Lon-gowal Accord and to strive for a comprehensive solution of all the outstanding issues. Sincere efforts are continuing to find an acceptable solution to these issues in consultation with the concerned parties.

Statement of 'Dharam Sansad' Regarding Ayodhya

5711. SHRI RANJAN PRASAD YADAV: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the UNI news report which appeared in the 'Economic Times' Delhi, of 5th April, 1994, titled 'Saints plea to take Ayodhya by force'; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to ensure that no untoward or illegal events take place at Ayodhya as threatened by the so called Dharam Sinsad?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S.B. CHAVAN): (a)- Yes, Sir.

(b) Consequent to the enactment of the Acquisition of Certain Area at Ayodhya Act, the acquired area, including the area on which the Ram Janma Bhoomi-Babri Masjid stood, vests inthe Central Government. It has already been made clear that the Central Government will not allow any forcible or illegal encroachment upon or occupation of the acquired property. The Government of Uttar Pradesh has also been suitably alerted in this legard.

Renaming the Aurangzeb Road.

5712, SHRI K. R. MALKANI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Aurangzeb was the most controversial and divisive emperor of India, whereas his elder brother, Dara Shikoh, was the finest example of national unity and integrity; and

(b) if so, whether Government would consider renaming Aurangzeb Road, New Delhi, as Dara Shikoh Road, to promote national unity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) The Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi has reported that there is no such proposal under their conisderation at this stage.

TADA case against Calcutta Don

5713. SHRIK.R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the relaease of Calcutta don Rashid, villian of last year's mega-eXplosion in Calcutta;

(b) whether the failure of the TADA case against him was due to faulty investigation and prosecution;

(c) whether Rashid's diary mentio ned names of IPS and other Police officers close to him; and

(d) if so, what action has been taken, or is proposed to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) According to information furnished by the State Government of West Bengal, Rashid has not been released.

(b) No, Sir. The Single Bench of the Calcutta High Court has passed an order that the ingred'ents of" the case does not justify his prosecution under TADA.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Criminal Justice system and Sentencing practices

5714. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to have a fresh look at the country's criminal justice system and sentencing practices in view of the mounting crime rate and unmanageable prison population as per the suggestions given by the Chief Justice of India as reported in the 'Hindustan Times' dated 4th March, 1994 cap-tioned "CJ suggest fresh look criminal justice has 'failed' in the country";

(b) if so, the main reasons for overcrowding in prisons and the steps taken on the need for more humanitarian approach towards prisonersjin- stead of following the old prison laws gramed by the British; and

(c) whatis the practice in U.S.A., U.K. etc. in tackling similar problems and whether Government took any concrete steps on the recommenda tions made by the Mulla Committee long ago on "measures for affecting reforms and changing prison laws etc. ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c) Though "Prisons" is a State subject, Government of India takes administrative as well as legislative measures from time to time to bring about necessary reforms in the admini-stration of criminal justice system including prison administrations since it is deeply concerned with the increasing crime rate and prison population. Emphasis is laid on treating jails as correctional centres for refor- mation and rehabilitation of priso- ners in line with international prac-tices.